

Miner Suicides After Squandering Earnings

After Night Session of Dissipation Joe Morrett Takes His Own Life

DREW HIS PAY AT BELMONT LATE YESTERDAY AFTER QUITTING JOB

Retires to Room Early This Morning and After Partially Disrobing Fires Shot Into His Brain

Lying face downward in a large pool of blood from his mouth and nose and with a .38 calibre Colt revolver, with one exploded cartridge, under his back, the half-clad dead body of Joe Morrett, an Italian Swiss miner, about 50 years of age, was found in adobe cabin No. 28 of the Montana rooming house, near the depot, about 9:30 o'clock this morning. An examination revealed a bullet wound in the mouth, the leaden missile, believed to have been fired by the unfortunate man with suicidal intent, having split his tongue, entered the brain and fractured his skull, where it apparently lodged, no place of egress having been found.

Although Justice of the Peace Atkinson, as ex-officio coroner, will hold an inquest, at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning to determine the cause of death, it is the belief that Morrett died by his own hand, all attending circumstances warranting such a conclusion. It is thought that the rash act was prompted by despondency over the loss of money in gambling last night, an incoherent and illegible note left by Morrett which has not thus far been completely deciphered, making reference to such a loss in a "game."

Until yesterday Morrett was employed as a pipe man in the Belmont mine for a period of about two months. For several days he had been engaged in repairing track in the mine, which work was completed yesterday. He was offered a machine but as he did not wish to operate it he quit and drew his pay, amounting to \$109.69. It is said that he imbibed quite freely and engaged in a gambling game last night, in which it is thought he lost heavily.

Morrett was heard to return home about 4 o'clock this morning by Miss Mary Ginnotti, sister of Sam Ginnotti, proprietor of the rooming house, who occupies a room adjoining. Falling off to sleep again, Miss Ginnotti heard no further sound from Morrett's room. In attending to her duties as chambermaid, Miss Ginnotti went to Morrett's room about 9 o'clock this morning to clean it up. Finding the door locked, she rapped several times. Receiving no response, she looked through the keyhole and, much to her horror, espied Morrett's lifeless form lying on the floor partly clad, the lower portion of his body being under the bed and his head in a pool of blood.

News of the gruesome discovery was immediately telephoned to the police, and Chief of Police Charles Smith and Deputy Chief Billie Walker, with Justice of the Peace Atkinson, soon arrived on the scene. They made a search of the room, finding

the note referred to, several documents and \$4.50 in cash. Among the dead man's effects were papers showing him to be a member of the Fresno lodge of Odd Fellows, the Nelson, British Columbia, lodge of Masons and the Tonopah Miners' union. Morrett is well known among local miners, he having worked in various camps of the west for a number of years. He came to Tonopah about two months ago and soon thereafter secured employment at the Belmont. Little is known as to his antecedents aside from the fact that he was born in Switzerland.

MURDER TRIAL IN SAN DIEGO IS CONTINUED

UNWRITTEN LAW PLEA IS BELIEVED TO INVOKE TESTIMONY SALICIOUS NATURE

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 26.—The taking of testimony was to have opened the case of Herbert Lewis today. Lewis is charged with the murder of inventor C. H. Toller and his wife, Catherine, on May 25. Lewis will plead insanity and the unwritten law declaring Toller had injured Mrs. Mrs. Lewis, whose testimony is expected to rival that of Evelyn Thaw. The case was postponed until October 21, as Mrs. Lewis, age 19, gave birth to a still born child in a local sanitarium.

J. P. MORGAN TO TELL ABOUT HIS CONTRIBUTIONS

WILL BE THE FIRST WITNESS TO APPEAR BEFORE SENATE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—It was announced today that Pierpont Morgan would be the first witness to appear before the senate contributions committee meeting Monday. He will tell of his contributions to the republicans and democrats for the last three campaigns. One hundred witnesses have been summoned.

DEAD BODY OF CHILD IS FOUND IN FRUIT BOX

CHILD IS TWO MONTHS OLD AND DEATH WAS CAUSED BY SUFFOCATION

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 26.—The body of a 2-month-old child, expensively dressed, was found in the inventory of the Title Insurance Trust building today. Death was caused by suffocation. The body was in a box addressed to N. Major, Winter, Cal., and was from the Earl Fruit company. The police believe the box was shipped from Winter.

Dividend of \$400,000 Declared By Tonopah Mining Company

Bringing the total dividends allowed and paid during the present year to over one million dollars, the directors of the Tonopah Mining company at the regular quarterly meeting held today at Philadelphia, declared the quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share, with an extra dividend of 15 cents. The total amount of the dividend reaches \$400,000. Dividends of similar totals were declared in January, April and July. The one in January was declared the previous month, but was paid during the first month of this year.

LIGHT COMPANY CASE IS BEFORE UTILITY BOARD

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION PLAN TO TAKE UP WATER COMPANY TOMORROW

The session of the public utility commission, investigating the affairs of the water, electric, and sewer companies of this city, was spent yesterday in looking into the electric light company affairs. When the board convened this morning and also this afternoon additional testimony was taken on this same subject, all of the witnesses so far having been produced by the company which is defending its present rate schedule. It is believed this examination will be concluded this afternoon and in the morning the water company will receive attention.

Commissioners J. F. Shaughnessy and W. H. Simmons, with their experts have made a complete examination into the outside affairs of the defendant corporations, and have also studied the conditions under which the business is transacted. They are of the opinion that the hearings will be concluded in about a week after which the testimony will be transcribed. A ruling can be looked for in about two months.

PEACE PROSPECT BINGHAM STRIKE IS VERY POOR

GOVERNOR SPR YHOLDS CONFERENCE WITH BUSINESS AGENT OF STRIKERS

SALT LAKE, Sept. 26.—Governor Spry this morning conferred with A. L. Wilde, the business agent of the stevedores, to determine on what basis the governor would use his power to bring about peace at Bingham. The peace prospects are poor, as more deputies have been sent to Bingham.

BLUE JACKETS FIRED ON REBELS IN NICARAGUA

ASSERTED REBELS TRIED TO STOP AMMUNITION TRAIN WHEN TROUBLE OCCURRED

PANAMA, Sept. 26.—Passengers on the steamship Excelsior, brought yesterday's reports that Americans had been massacred at Leon. It was asserted the rebels tried to stop a train at Leon bearing arms and ammunition when the blue jackets fired. The report is unconfirmed though evidently there has been some trouble at Leon.

RUMOR AFLOAT BORAX SMITH INTERESTS ARE SEEKING CONTROL OF THE NORTH STAR COMPANY

Although lacking official confirmation and given little credence locally, a rumor is in circulation to the effect that the "Borax" Smith and Zabriskie interests are endeavoring to acquire control of the North Star mine, which especially of late has been attracting considerable attention in the mining world through sensational values encountered during the last week in a new drift on the ledge recently intercepted by the south crosscut on the 1250-foot level. The development of the new find has been proving up in a highly satisfactory manner, lending support to the general belief that the discovery is one of the most important revelations made in the camp for several years, especially in view of the extraordinary ratio of the gold and silver content, the ore carrying approximately an ounce of gold to an ounce of silver in place of 100 ounces of silver to one ounce of gold, the characteristic proportion of the yellow and white metals in Tonopah ores.

The report that the Smith and Zabriskie interests seek to gain control of the mine does not carry much weight in the minds of local mining and brokerage men, in so far as can be learned. The issue has been the feature of stock trading on the eastern and western exchanges for several days, more than 116,000 shares having changed hands yesterday in San Francisco alone, selling down from 45 cents to 35 cents and then back to 37 cents at the close. The manner in which the issue sustained itself in the face of the heavy selling yesterday occasioned considerable comment among local traders. It opened the market this morning in excellent condition and was in demand.

In the absence of S. H. Brady, consulting engineer and general manager of the mine, no information as to the rumor afloat could be learned today. Mr. Brady left Tonopah yesterday for San Francisco by auto. It is not thought locally that his visit to the coast is in any way connected with the rumored negotiations of the Smith and Zabriskie interests for the control of the property.

PARCELS POST AND EXPRESS RATES IN TONOPAH ZONE ARE COMPARED

The new parcels post law, which will go into effect on January 1, is occupying the attention of the post-office department and postal employees generally. In the average the rates are approximately 25 per cent less than the present express rates, although there is a much wider difference in many instances. In some cases the express rates are less than the postal rates. This occurs in the rate on ten and eleven-pound packages within the 50-mile zone. On the other hand the postal rates for packages of smaller weight are sometimes as low as one-fifth of the express rate.

For the purpose of this law the country is divided into zones. A table has recently been compiled showing the rates from San Francisco to Tonopah would be in the third zone. This zone includes Goldfield, Tonopah, Reno and Winnemucca, Nevada, and Independence, Visalia, Bakersfield, Mohave and Santa Barbara, California, and of course, all other offices within the same radius.

The following table affords an intelligent comparison of the rates, by parcels post and by express from San Francisco:

Pounds—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
City delivery	.05	.06	.07	.08	.09	.10	.11	.12	.13	.14	.15
First zone, 50 mi.	.05	.08	.11	.14	.17	.20	.23	.26	.29	.32	.35
Express	.25	.25	.25	.25	.25	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30	.30
Second zone, 150 mi.	.06	.10	.14	.18	.22	.26	.30	.34	.38	.42	.46
Express	.25	.35	.45	.60	.70	.80	.90	.90	.90	.90	.90
Third zone, 300 mi.	.07	.12	.17	.22	.27	.32	.37	.42	.47	.52	.57
Express	.25										
Fourth zone, 600 mi.											
Including Ogden & Portland	.08	.14	.20	.26	.32	.38	.44	.50	.56	.62	.68
Express	.30	.35	.45	.60	.75	.90	1.00	1.15	1.15	1.15	1.35
Sixth zone, 1400 mi.											
Including Omaha	.10	.19	.28	.37	.46	.55	.64	.73	.82	.91	1.00
Express	.30	.35	.45	.60	.80	.90	1.00	1.20	1.35	1.40	1.60
Seventh zone, 1800 in.											
Including Chicago	.11	.21	.31	.41	.51	.61	.71	.81	.91	1.01	1.11
Express	.30	.35	.45	.60	.80	.90	1.00	1.20	1.35	1.40	1.60
Eighth zone, including New York	.12	.24	.36	.48	.60	.72	.84	.96	1.08	1.20	1.32
Express	.30	.35	.45	.60	.80	.90	1.05	1.20	1.35	1.50	1.65

BELL FORCES IN CALIFORNIA HAVE MET BIG DEFEAT

DEMOCRATS IN STATE CONVENTION ADJOURN BEFORE COMPLETING BUSINESS

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 26.—The democratic adjourned at 12:40 this morning leaving open the question of nominating the presidential electors by petition. Chairman Caninevoti suspended the state central committee's arrangements. It will organize and select a chairman at San Francisco on Saturday. J. O. Davis will be a candidate against Davis and in the Bell forces are completely routed Davis will likely win.

SEVEN HUNDRED REBELS SURRENDER END REVOLUTION

AMERICAN MINISTER DECLARES THAT WAR IN NICARAGUA HAS BEEN ENDED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—American Minister Welzel of Nicaragua today telegraphed the state department that Admiral Southard had advised him that the rebels had surrendered, ending the revolution.

OFFICER IS DEAD

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 26.—Captain C. H. Gibson of the United States marine corps, retired, is dead here. He was stricken with heart disease while on the board walk. Captain Gibson was a graduate of Annapolis and a brother of former United States Senator Gibson of Maryland.

BELFAST LORD MAYOR IS ANGRY; TROOPS ARRIVING

BELFAST, Ireland, Sept. 26.—The lord mayor here is angry at the act of the war department in sending troops to this city. He stated that no troops were needed although the soldiers were then arriving.

CHINESE SOLDIERS WHO MUTINY ARE EXECUTED

SHANGHAI, Sept. 26.—Convicted of mutinying at Wuchang 350 soldiers have been executed. Thousands of other mutineers have fled.

FOUR PARTIES FAVOR PENSIONS FOR MOTHERS

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 26.—The platform of the four parties in connection here specifically favor mothers' pensions. The parties are the republicans, progressives, democrats and socialists.

ROOSEVELT TALKS TO THE LEVEE CONVENTION

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Sept. 26.—Roosevelt today addressed the levee convention here. His speech was devoted entirely to Mississippi river projects.

Taft RETURNS TO THE SUMMER CAPITAL

BOSTON, Sept. 26.—Taft arrived at 4 o'clock and boarded an auto for Beverly.

REPORTED THAT SALAZAR DESERTS HIS TROOPS

EL PASO, Texas, Sept. 26.—Admiral says that Salazar has deserted his troops and crossed to the American side west of Douglas.